

ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN ESSEX FELLS
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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 26, 2025

Welcome

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, and open to new ideas, committed to service in community and world as part of the world-wide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The work of worship is shared by all, and we invite you to participate in the said and spoken responses as you are able.

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.



Holy Eucharist at 8 o'clock and 4 o'clock, All Saints' Chapel

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), page 355

The Lessons may be found in the 10 o'clock portion of this worship bulletin (below)

Psalm 19 may be found on page 606 of the BCP

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B, may be found on page 367 of the BCP

or

Holy Eucharist at 10 o'clock, Church

Voluntary

Prelude on 'Munich'

Aaron David Miller

Entrance Hymn 632 *Hymnal* 1982

MUNICH

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP, page 355

Gloria

Hymnal 1982, S 280

Collect of the Day

BCP, page 215

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. . ***Amen.***

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

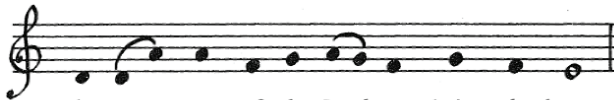
All the people [of Jerusalem] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.... And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.... So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

BCP page 606; Tone IV



The stat - utes of the Lord re - jice the heart.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the

body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 529 *Hymnal 1982*

MCKEE

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news

to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogues were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

Prayers of the People

The response is Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin and the Peace

BCP, page 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus,

Teach me some melodious sonnet

He will embrace me in His arms,

Sung by flaming tongues above,

In the arms of my dear Savior,

Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,

Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

Mount of thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount every blessing,

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,

Streams of mercy never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.

—Joseph Hart and Robert Robinson, 18th century

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

BCP, page 367

Please stand

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Sanctus

Hymnal 1982, S 129

Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 364

Breaking the Bread
Christ our Passover

BCP, page 364
Hymnal 1982, S 154

Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.
All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intincted (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing.

Motet

César Franck

*Panis angelicus, fit panis hominum, [The bread of angels becomes the bread of man,
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum Heavenly bread gives an end to earthly forms.
O res mirabilis manducat Dominum, O what a marvelous thing; all partake of the Lord—
Pauper, servus, et humilis. The poor, the servant, and the humble.]*

—St. Thomas Aquinas

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

Grant, we pray, almighty God: that we, who by your grace have received the bread of life, may evermore glory in the gift which we have received; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 539 *Hymnal 1982*

TIDINGS

Blessing and Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary and Procession

This Week's Parish Notices

WELCOME, SISTERS FROM THE COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST
The General Convention of The Episcopal Church approved a resolution, *Foundation of Religious Life Sunday*, to be held on the Third Sunday after the Epiphany. Nuns from the Convent of St. John Baptist in Mendham are here today to talk about vocations for men and women in the Episcopal Church. Find out more about the sisters and their work at www.csjb.org.

STEWARDSHIP 2025

This year's theme is *Walk in Love*, taken from the Letter to the Ephesians: "Walk in love as Christ has loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

Make your pledge online at <https://stpetersef.org/donate/pledge-form>. Contact a member of the Vestry or Father Nate to find out more about how you can *Walk in Love* at St. Peter's.

ADULT FORUM, SUNDAYS AT 9 AM

How did early Christians live their "heavenly citizenship" on earth in an unjust world? What did it mean to call Jesus "Lord" in the Roman Empire? What does it mean for Christians today? What can we learn about leadership roles in the early Church? Are you an adult looking to enrich your knowledge of Scripture in a relevant and challenging way? Join us from 9-9:45 in the Acolyte Room (upstairs in the main church) on Sundays for a challenging, enriching, in-depth, exegetical (analyzing verse-by-verse) study of Paul's "letters" to the Philippians. Reach out to Jonathan Lace (jdlace@icloud.com) for more information.

CARE & CONNECT

We meet in the chancel in the church on the second and fourth Sundays, directly after the 10 am service. It is a brief and focused time when we offer prayers of healing and thanksgiving. Please join us today. If you can't join us and wish to add an intention, reach out to Dana Leach (201-694-6543, leach@stpetersef.org)

ST. PETER'S YOUTH (SPY) NEWS

We will have a Chili-Super Bowl Fundraiser on Sunday, February 9, pick-up from 8:30 am-11:30 am: \$20 for 1 quart/cornbread/cookies, Vegetarian or Beef Chili available, order must be placed by Thursday, February 6. Contact Christina Doyle at 301-802-7878; proceeds to benefit the Youth Program and Mission Trip. Other dates in the spring include *February 8*, SPY chili making; *March 4*, Pancake Supper. Reach out to Father Nate (darville@stpetersef.org) to find out how your children can be a part of this exciting ministry.

ACOLYTES

We are recruiting persons young and old who would like to serve at the Altar as acolytes. In the Episcopal Church altar servers are called acolytes and can be either gender. We are looking for both children and adults to join in this wonderful ministry to serve as an acolyte. An acolyte may assist in worship by carrying a torch, a processional cross, a banner, lighting and extinguishing candles, and assisting the Presider at mass. Confirmation is not a requirement to be an acolyte, but it is something an acolyte should strive for in the very near future. Training is offered on an on-going basis; contact Christine DiGiovanni (adigio1562@aol.com) and Father Nate (darville@stpetersef.org).

ANNUAL MEETING

Thanks to our new vestry members: Jim Irwin (warden), Barbara Gargiulo, Erika Grothues, and Sarah Latson; and thanks to our Diocesan Convention representatives: Jim Irwin, Jonathan Lace, and Mary Shearin.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION—ALTAR GUILD WELCOMES YOU!

Looking for a way to serve St. Peter's that is do-able and rewarding and doesn't take a lot of time? How about considering Altar Guild? Altar Guild is a quiet ministry of the church, but this quiet ministry offers a big contribution. Consider this:

- Membership in Altar Guild offers flexibility in time commitment;
- Membership in Altar Guild can be done as a couple or even a family;
- Membership in Altar Guild is an avenue to introduce people to stewardship here;
- Membership in Altar Guild can be your introduction to church ministry.

For more information, contact Alice Samuels (inkyretired@aol.com) or Karen Mosher (looker-mosher@msn.com), or the Parish Office at info@stpetersef.org.

CALENDARS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Thanks to the generosity of the Shook-Farmer Funeral Home, 2025 Episcopal Calendars are available. Please take one home—they are available in the narthex of the church and on the back table of All Saints' Chapel.

NEW FLOWER CHART IN THE NARTHEX

Beautiful flowers adorn our church weekly. Flowers may be given at any time in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, or any other occasion of thankfulness for God's creation. A check for \$50 may be made to St. Peter's—put 'altar flowers' in the memo. To reserve a date, use the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or email Alice Samuels (inkyretired@aol.com) or the Parish Office (info@stpetersef.org). *There are many openings in February.*

PRAYER LIST

Laurie Alcott, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Duffy Bell, Grace Bishop, Nancy Bivona, Murriel Bowness, Kathy Calfe, Martha Capel, Adele Corcoran, Gabriel Cowell, Robin Delehanty, Wayne Hill, Bunny Jenkins, Tania Jenkins, Sheila & Norman Johnson, Eddie K., Jeffrey Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Katie King, Lauren L., Laurieann, Sally L., Mark Lewis, Marino Family, Tom Marriott, Mike, Nicholas Nunno, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Richardson & Dickhaus families, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Jean Whiting Smith, Kathy Stanton, Marge Vere, Frank Zupa.

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<i>Ushers</i>	Barbara Lopez
<i>Acolytes, Crucifer</i>	Chris Aliotta
<i>Readers</i>	Nancy Connor, Valerie Felix
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Pat Aliotta
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<i>Director of Music</i>	Mark A. Trautman
<i>Presiding</i>	The Reverend Nathaniel Darville



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